

36. (New) A method of establishing secure connections between a provider and a customer, comprising the steps of:

providing a memory device for storing a first set of codes, wherein the memory device can receive, store and delete sets of codes which are accessible by the customer;

storing a plurality of sets of codes with the provider, wherein the plurality of sets of codes includes the first set of codes;

receiving a first customer code from the customer during establishing a secure connection, the first code being selected from the first set of codes stored on the memory device;

accessing a first provider code from the first set of codes stored with the provider;

comparing the first customer code with the first provider code, wherein a perfect match is a successful verification;

establishing a secure connection to the customer when a successful verification occurs; and

preventing further use of the first customer code by the customer by deleting the first customer code and the first provider code.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified application in view of the preceding amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-32, 35 and 36 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants have added new Claim 36. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments, as support therefor is found throughout the specification and drawings.

Applicant's representative would like to thank Examiner Akers for the courtesies extended during our telephone conversations.